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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 1717

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO VISIT SPAIN

1. AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WILLIBALD PAHR WILL MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO SPAIN MARCH 7-10, 1977. MFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF VISIT IS TO INDICATE GOA CONFIDENCE IN DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT IN SPAIN AND TO HELP DEMOCRATIC FORCES THERE. SUBSTANTIVE FOCUS WILL BE ON EXPANDING TRADITIONAL CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL TIES BUT GOA ALSO SEES GOOD PROSPECTS, IN LONG TERM, FOR EXPANDED ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN AND INTENDS TO USE VISIT TO "GET IN ON GROUND FLOOR" AS SPAIN MOVES TO EXPAND ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN EUROPE AND DEVELOP TIES WITH EC-9. OFFICIAL SAID THAT, ALONG WITH PAHR'S FEBRUARY VISIT TO SWITZERLAND AND PLANNED VISIT TO ITALY IN MAY, THIS VISIT TO ANOTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRY WILL ALSO SERVE TO EMPHASIZE GOA INTEREST IN
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ITS WESTERN RELATIONS AND THUS COUNTER CRITICISM THAT FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER BIELKA HAD EXPANDED RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE WHILE NEGLECTING TRADITIONAL, CLOSE RELATIONS WITH DEMOCRATIC NEIGHBORS AND MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS IN WESTERN EUROPE.

2. MFA OFFICIAL NOTED THAT VISIT WOULD RETURN THAT

OF SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO AUSTRIA IN 1966 WHICH
TOOK PLACE JUST AS RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO
COUNTRIES BEGAN TO COOL. IN 1975, HOWEVER,
AGRICULTURE MINISTER WEISS MADE "TECHNICAL" VISIT
TO MADRID AND BARCELONA, AND IN 1976 DEFENSE MINISTER
LUETGENDORF REPRESENTED GOA AT CORONATION OF JUAN
CARLOS. AFTER AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY IN FEBRUARY
1976 ESTABLISHED ITS "SOLIDARITY FUND" FOR SPANISH
AND SOCIALIST PARTIES, UNOFFICIAL PARTY POLITICAL
CONTACTS HAVE ALSO EXPANDED STEADILY.BUCHANAN

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